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Applicant(s): Tiina HÄMÄLÄINEN et al  
Serial No.: 09/987,987  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
SELF-MONITORING OF PROXIMITY SENSORS  
Art Unit: 2878  
Examiner: Kevin K. Pyo

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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December 22, 2003

Sir:

This is in response to the first Office Action of August 20, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments

